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1. WE UNDERSTAND FROM INITIAL DISCUSSION WITH COMMISSION AND MEMBER STATE SOURCES THAT ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 22 HAD RELATIVELY BRIEF, GENERAL AND POSITIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MTN. DG-I DIRECTOR GENERAL SIR ROY DENMAN INFORMED MEMBER STATES, APPARENTLY WITHOUT GOING INTO MUCH DETAIL OF US-EC EXCHANGES DURING AMBASSADOR STRAUSS VISIT HERE JULY 11, COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH VISIT TO WASHINGTON JULY 14 AND OFFICIAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS AT TIDEWATER ON JULY 15-16.

2. MEMBER STATES EXPRESSED GENERAL ENTHUSIASM FOR
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SPEEDING UP NEGOTIATIONS AND ENDORSED IDEA OF JANUARY 15 DEADLINE. NOVEMBER FIRST DEADLINE FOR AGRICULTURE AND NON-TARIFF MEASURE REQUESTS WAS ALSO PUT FORWARD BY COMMISSION AND MET NO OBJECTION. OTHER DATES WERE APPARENTLY NOT DISCUSSED.

3. ON TARIFFS, THE COMMISSION INFORMED THE MEMBER

STATES THAT IN ORDER TO MEET ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REALITIES IN EUROPE AND IN ORDER TO HAVE AN EARLY CONCLUSION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO HAVE A MODERATE TARIFF CUT WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS. A SPECIFIC FORMULA WAS NOT MENTIONED. MEMBER STATES REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH COMMISSION POSITION. EC REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA PAUL LUYTEN REPORTED SOME UNEASE AMONG LDCS THAT US AND EC WOULD MOVE AHEAD IN THE MTN WITHOUT SUFFICIENT REGARD FOR LDC INTERESTS.

4. AT THIS POINT NEITHER COMMISSION NOR MEMBER STATES EXPECT DISCUSSION IN JULY 26 FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL TO BE EXTENSIVE OR CONTROVERSIAL. GENERAL IMPRESSION SEEMS TO BE THAT MEMBER STATES ACCEPT AN ACCELERATION OF THE MTN AND ARE WILLING TO LEAVE THE COMMISSION A RELATIVELY FREE HAND FOR THE TIME BEING.
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